

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4 are now in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 4 has been added.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1-2 have been rejected as being anticipated by Iyer et al. (US Pat. No. 6,339,228 B1) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The rejection has been noted and claim 1 has been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application.

More specifically, the feature of claim 3 has been added to claim 1. Since claim 3 contains allowable subject matter as indicated in item 6 on page 4 of the Office action, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Since claim 2 is dependent on claim 1, it is believed to be patentable as well.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 6 on page 4 of the above-mentioned Office action that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The feature of claim 3 has been added to claim 1.

Claim 4 has been added. The support for claim 4 may be found on page 11, lines 14-16 of the specification. Since claim 1 is allowable and claim 4 is dependent on claim 1, it is believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-2 and 4 are solicited.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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